## Magnesium Finishing for OEM And Overhaul



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# Finishing Options Typical for Magnesium

Conversion Coatings - Used Most Commonly During Overhaul

- Dow 7, created in the 1940's
- Dow 9, created in the 1940's
- Chrome Manganese, created in the 1940's

#### Anodize Coatings Used Most Commonly for New Build

- Dow 17, created 1942
- > HAE, created 1955
- TAGNITE®, created 1992
- Keronite®, created?

### HAE

HAE, named after inventor Harry A. Evangelides, was patented in 1952. The very high alkaline solution has a pH of approximately 14 and should be operated between 70 and 86° Fahrenheit.



CHEMICAL	Concentration (g/L)
Hydroxide (extremely caustic)	120
Fluoride	35
Potassium Permanganate (strong oxidize	<b>r)</b> 20
Aluminum Hydroxide	34
Sodium Phosphate	35

### **Dow 17**

The Dow Chemical Company invented Dow 17 in the mid-1940's. The electrolyte has a pH of approximately 5 and should be operated at or above 160° Fahrenheit.



#### **CHEMICAL**

### Concentration g/L

Ammonium BiFluroide 360 Sodium Dichromate *(hazardous chemical)* 100 Phosphoric Acid 97



Developed in the 1990's with the Clean Air & Clean Water Act in mind, TAGNITE® was designed as a replacement coating for Dow 17 and HAE. The electrolyte's pH range is 12.8-13.2 and operates below room temperature (40-60°F)



#### **CHEMICAL**

### Concentration (g/L)

 Hydroxide
 4 - 8

 Fluoride
 5 - 10

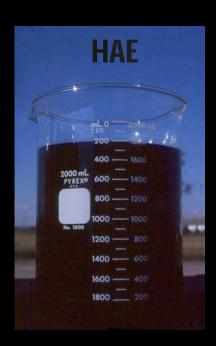
 Silicate
 15 - 25

**No Chromates or Heavy Metals** 

## Chemical Composition as a Percentage of Water



5% \* chemical concentration



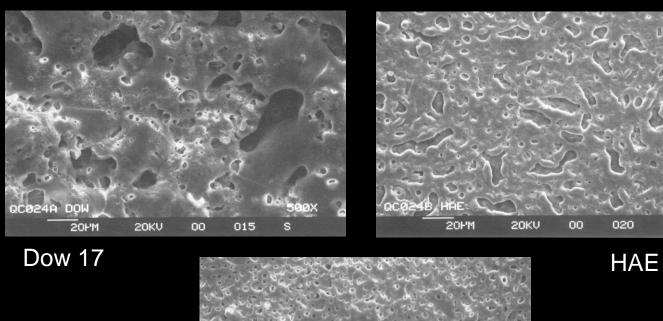
25%\* chemical concentration



56% \* chemical concentration

HAE contains heavy metals; Dow 17 contains heavy metals and chromium

## **Coating Morphology**



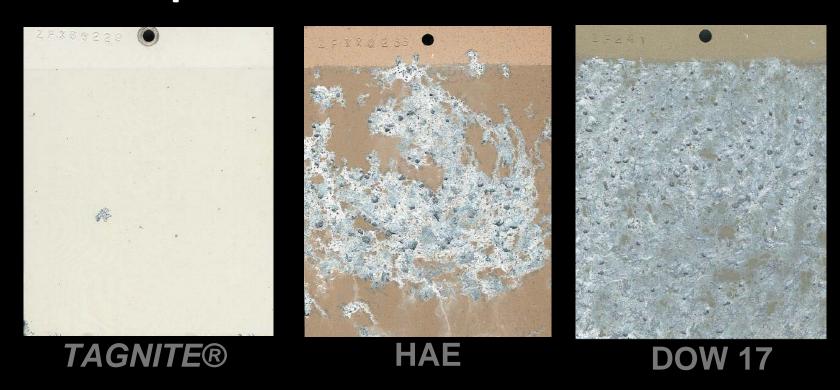
All photos shown at 500x magnification.

**TAGNITE®** 

## **Corrosion Testing**



## **Superior Corrosion Resistance**



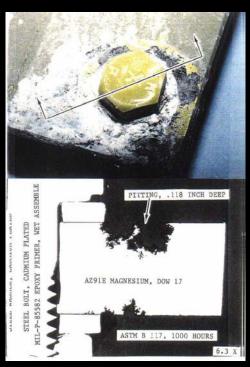
TAGNITE®, HAE & Dow 17 (Type I) on magnesium alloy ZE41 after 168 hours in salt spray

Only Tagnite Provides Inherent Corrosion Resistance

## Superior Galvanic Corrosion Resistance







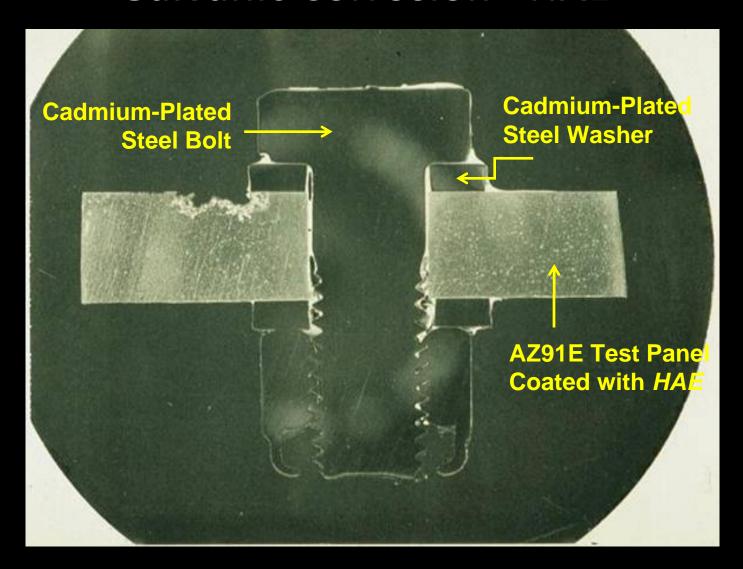
TAGNITE® 8200

HAE

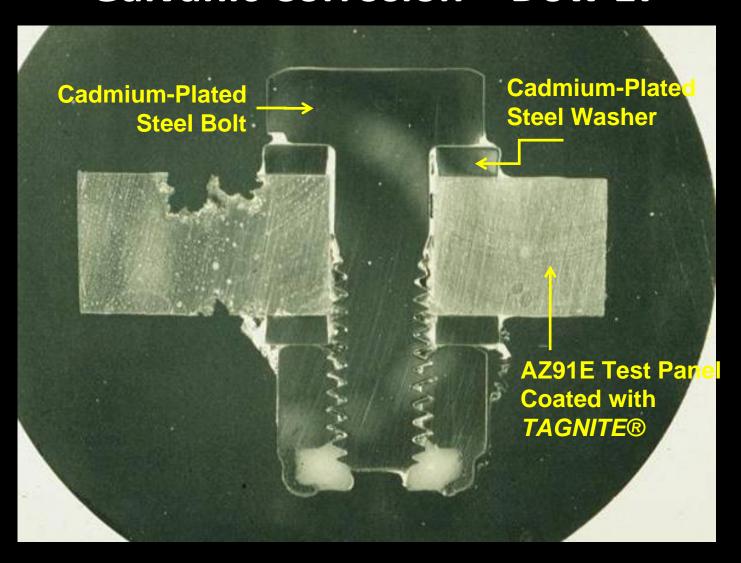
**DOW 17** 

AZ91E sand cast magnesium test plates assembled using cadmium plated steel bolt/washer & placed in salt spray (ASTM B117) for 1000 hours.

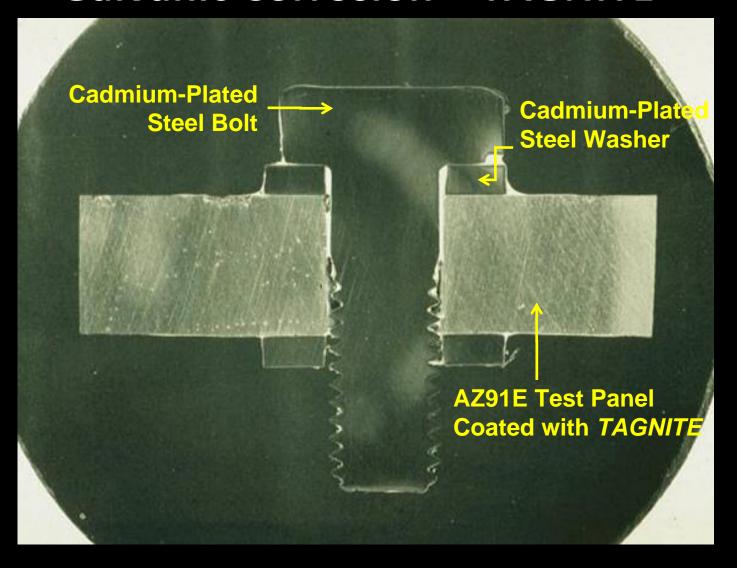
## **Galvanic Corrosion - HAE**



## Galvanic Corrosion – Dow 17



## **Galvanic Corrosion – TAGNITE**



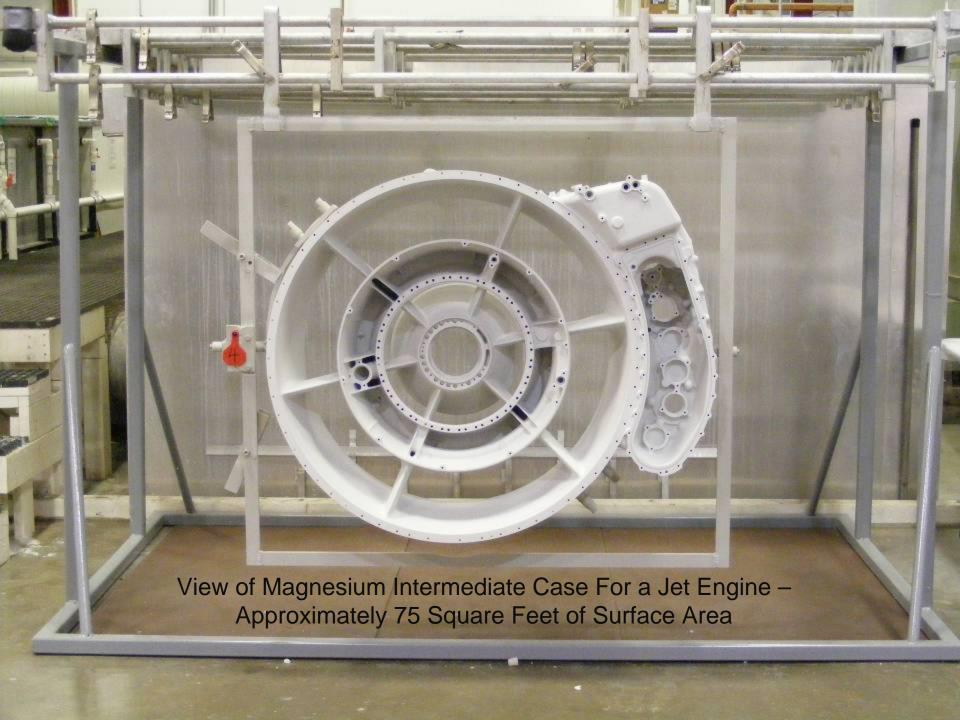
## **Environmentally Clean**

Tagnite has been carefully studied and reviewed and by the EPA's Design for the Environment Program and has been granted the status of Partner Formulator

**Tagnite Contains** 

- No Chromium(VI)
- No Heavy Metals
- No Sulfuric Acid
  - No Nitric Acid
- No Hydrofluoric Acid







CH-53



AH-6



F-35 Fighter



F-22 Fighter





MD 500/600



**USMC EFV** 



Widely Specified



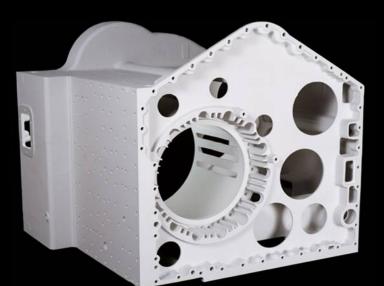
AH-64 Apache



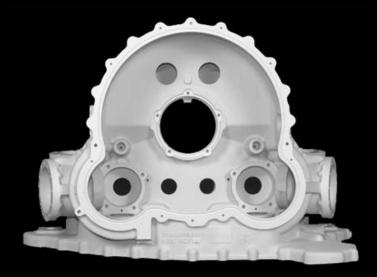
KC-135 Tanker



B-52 Bomber



Magnesium Transmission Housing



Magnesium Gearbox

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Magnesium Oil Pan



Magnesium Jet Engine Gearbox

- Last B-52 was built in 1962
- Air Force wants to keep them going until 2040
- The B-52 utilizes many magnesium components including several in the pilot yoke/Steering column
- The majority of these 48 year old castings are still serviceable
- By selecting Tagnite the Air Force was able to eliminate hexavalent chromium and attain corrosion resistance superior to standard chromate conversion coatings typically used during overhaul
- Tagnite has been employed now on 11 different part numbers on the B-52 Bomber and 7 more part numbers are in the approval process



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Tagnite is regularly applied to used magnesium castings on the B-52







Better Protected in 2011 Than When They Were Factory New





## 48 Year Old+ Magnesium Castings







Better Protected in 2011
Than When They Were
Factory New





- Last KC-135 Was built in 1965
- Air Force wants to keep them going until 2040
- The KC-135 utilizes many magnesium components including several in flap drive system
- The majority of these 45+ year old castings look good and are still serviceable
- By selecting Tagnite, the Air Force was able to eliminate hexavalent chromium and attain corrosion resistance superior to standard chromate conversion coatings typically used during overhaul
- Tagnité has been employed now on 15 different part numbers on the KC-135 approval process





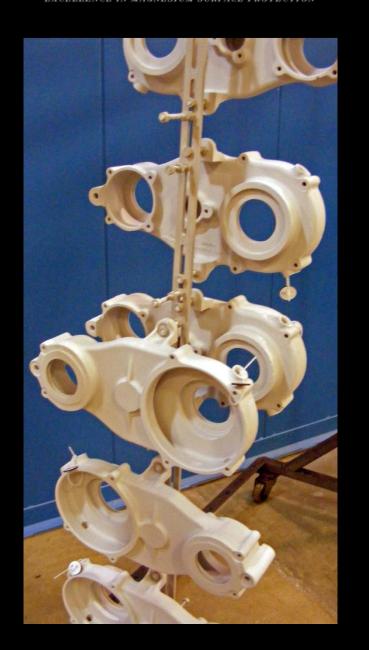




Do these look like 49 year old magnesium castings?

Old magnesium castings cleaned (above),

and then Tagnite anodized (right).





45 Year Old+
Magnesium Castings
Re-Coated with Tagnite
and Paint and Ready to
Return to Service



# 45 Year Old+ Magnesium Castings Ready to Return to Service





## Why Invest in the Added Time & Cost to Mask Ferrous Metal Inserts and Tagnite vs. Quick Inexpensive Chromate Conversion Coatings?



TAGNITE®

168 Hours

of Salt Spray



Dow 7
9 Hours
of Salt Spray



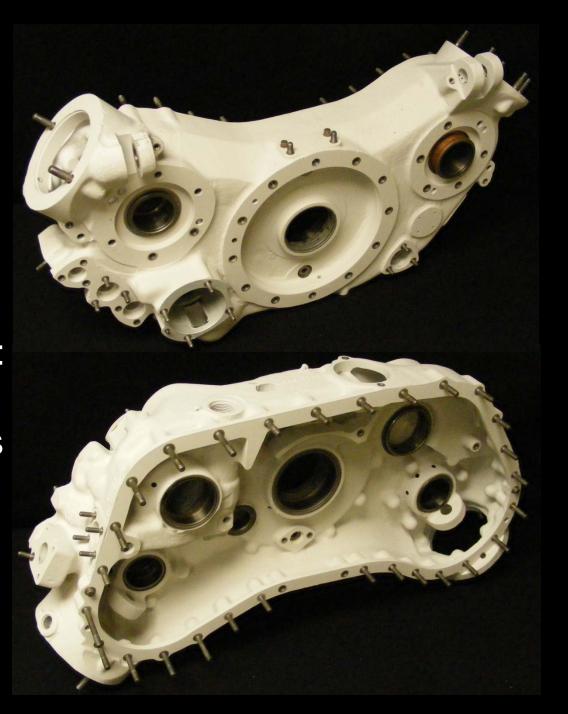
DOW 19 9 Hours of Salt Spray



Jet Engine Gearbox

Successfully Tagnite Coated After Masking:

6 Steel Bearing Liners42 Helicoils52 Studs



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3 of the 6 Bearing Liners had Core Passageways Going Through Them Which **Would Allow** Electrolyte to Penetrate to The Steel Liner.







Extreme Masking Challenges Have Been Dealt With Successfully









## New Casting in Production Requiring Extensive Masking of Ferrous and Magnesium Prior to

**Tagnite Anodize** 



Bearing Liner is flush with magnesium on one side And raised above magnesium on other side. On raised side a core passage way comes directly to bearing liner.

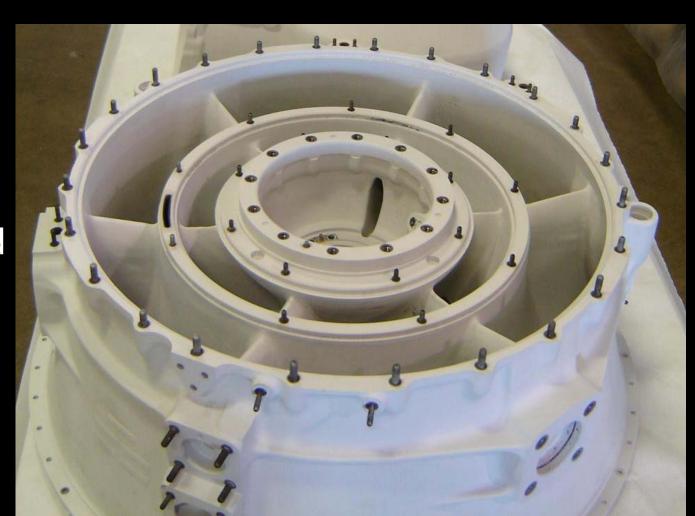
Multiple Pressed in Steel Bushing



Jet Engine Intermediate Housing

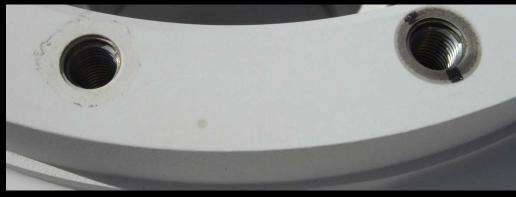
Successfully
Tagnite Coated
After Masking:

121Ferrous Inserts





Approved by Many Aerospace and Defense Companies, Brush Tagnite is an Effective Method to Touch-up Magnesium Castings Without Using Hexavalent Chromium









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